



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant: Richard Blackmore et al. § Group Art Unit: 1733
Serial No. 09/588,407 § Examiner: Steven P. Maki
Filed: December 10, 2000 § Atty. Dkt. No.: 240-P-028
Confirmation No. §

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the action dated October 9, 2003 for three (3) months from January 9, 2004 to April 9, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$475.00 in payment of the required extension fee. Separately attached hereto is the Applicant's response, including Amended Claims and Remarks.

Respectfully Submitted



David McEwing

April 9, 2004

Registration No. 37,026

Customer No. 26038